

## Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

Agricultural Marketing Service

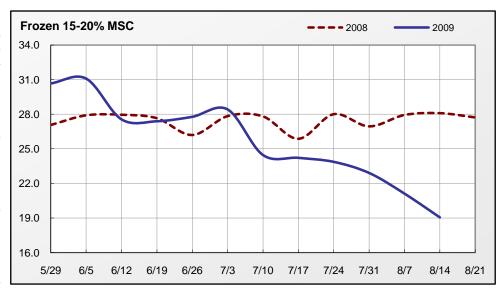
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The market tone was barely steady to weak on all fat contents; undertone remains unsettled. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were adequate to available with the balance fully sufficient. Many continue having to juggle extra spot loads of MSC due to some ongoing contract cancellations and giving a hard look, if not some action, at rendering raw materials in light of the lower trending prices and lackluster demand. As the contract season quickly approaches, many are looking at all angles of the marketplace trying to find some kind of direction in these uncertain times. Raw material supplies were adequate to available. Export and domestic demand was light to fair at best with some anticipating slight improvements with Mexico in coming weeks. Schedules were normal. Frame values were barely steady to weak ranging mostly 7-9 cents FOB.

## Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

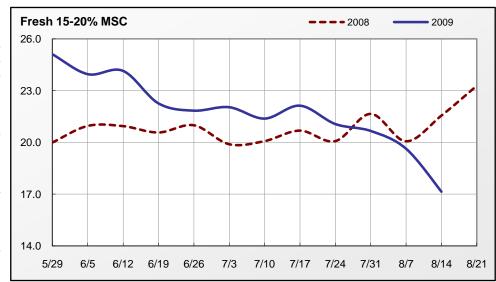
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	14-Aug-09	Last Week	Last Year	14-Aug-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		20.00	-	20.00 - 21.00	20.00	25.50-27.00
Wtd Avg Price		20.00	-	20.72	21.44	26.26
Volume Traded	-	216	-	282	250	322
Volume Exported	-	216	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	15.00 - 22.50	17.00 - 26.00	23.00-30.00	14.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 23.00	17.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	19.04	21.11	28.09	17.15	19.64	21.55
Volume Traded	1,852	1,365	1,598	3,578	2,594	4,276
Volume Exported	1,772	1,225	1,558	612	490	582
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	22.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	22.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



## Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jul 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	30.00	25.39	28.55	23.72
Volume Traded	-	-	40	1,443	1,233	647
Volume Exported	-	-		163	216	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	24.66	28.18	27.53	21.53	23.08	20.16
Volume Traded	8,099	6,088	5,069	15,295	12,262	12,334
Volume Exported	7,299	5,371	4,269	4,769	4,692	2,830
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	286	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis